# NAME:Floyd L. GriffinPARTY:DemocraticSEEKING:Secretary of State

### 1.Why are you seeking your office?

After the 2020 elections and seeing the actions on January 6<sup>th</sup>; I was compelled to run for Secretary of State to fight once again for our democracy and to put integrity and trust back into the Georgia election process. I have served my state and country for over five decades and believe passionately in a democratic government. I have extensive executive experience in business and government. My experience covers the entirety of the duties and responsibilities that the Secretary of State has to carry out. I am the only Democratic candidate with this level and bandwidth of executive experience.

## 2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

Election Security/Fair and Safe Elections. I want to ensure that every eligible Georgia voter gets the opportunity to exercise their right as a citizen to vote without anyone impeding or intimidating them in the election process. Also, that we protect poll officials and their workers from intimidation. I want to make the licensing process easier and more efficient for the trades and professions in Georgia. I also want to promote growth and development of small businesses through the Secretary of State's Corporate division.

#### 3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

This position requires extensive executive experience, not on the job training. I will be ready on day one to execute the duties of Secretary of State, and to assess the needed work to ensure all of Georgian's a safe and effective voting process. As a former US Army Colonel, I managed multibillion dollar budgets and contracts around the world while working alongside senior corporate executives and military brass. I am also the only Democratic candidate that as a State Senator and Mayor have had both legislative and executive level experience working with both parties to serve our state and communities.

#### 4. Pick any one issue. Expand on how you will address it.

Promoting Civics Education. As a Civil Rights leader and former Professor at Wake Forest University, I understand the importance of a civics education and the importance of education in Georgia's school system. I would collaborate with the State School Superintendent. Georgia will thrive if our students understand the importance of voting, educating themselves on candidates, and civic responsibilities.

Our school system in Georgia needs to enhance its curriculum in civics. In preserving and protecting our democracy, our school system's curriculum needs to place emphasis on the

importance of citizenship, voting, and the rights and most important the responsibilities of citizenry.

# 5. What are your ideas on curbing all the many area-wide shootings?

I would continue to encourage community policing programs which allow police officers to live and work in the communities that they serve. Positive and engaging law enforcement is critical in addressing crimes. I would recommend that we provide community engagement opportunities to give communities with high crimes alternatives to violence.

A recent example this month is the Mayor of Atlanta, reopening the midnight basketball league and investing more money in community recreation centers for positive engagement of our youth. Also, our current Governor and Attorney General has invested and planned for resources in addressing the growing gang violence.

## 6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background.

Retired Army Full Colonel, I served as a combat helicopter pilot & commanded a construction engineering company. Assistant Professor of Military Science at Wake Forest University & ROTC Director at Winston-Salem State. Two-term Georgia State Senator. Served on committees: Health & Human Services, Higher Education, Defense and Veterans Affairs, Local, State Government Operations, Rules Committees, and Chairman Interstate Cooperation Committee. 67th Mayor of Milledgeville.

Education: Associates in Funeral Service - Gupton Jones College, BS in Building Construction from Tuskegee University, and a MS in Contract & Procurement Management from Florida Institute of Technology. Graduated from CGSC and National War College.